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Alcohol Benzodiazepines Sedatives	None	Anxiety, depression, not dysfunctional	Hallucinosis, not psychosis Patient usually reports hearing "voices", content non-bizarre, good reality testing, no thought disorder or bizarre behavior.	30 days
			Anxiety Mood instability Patients occasionally can develop a first true manic episode during withdrawal Personality disorder	30-90 days Most severe symptoms will resolve (if they do) within 30 days - disability/fragility may persist longer.
Stimulants (cocaine, methamphetamine)	Mild anxiety, depression	Anxiety/panic, depression, mood instability	More severe anxiety & depression Personality disorder symptoms	30 days (mild/moderate) 30-90 days (heavy)
			Paranoid psychosis	30 days

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Hallucinogens (Mescaline, LSD, peyote)	Anxiety & depression,	Anxiety & depression	Psychosis	Usually 30 days
	Occasional psychosis or severe panic A single episode of hallucinogen use can occasionally precipitate psychosis or severe panic. This may also happen with methamphetamine.	Flashbacks/ hallucinotic experiences Sometimes, psychosis, panic, mood instability	Severe panic, mood instability,	Up to 90 days
Opiates	None	Mild-moderate anxiety & depression	More severe anxiety & depression, personality disorder symptoms	60-90 days
			Occasional psychotic symptoms, during withdrawal only	7-10 days

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	Mild Use Smoking a single marijuana cigarette 1 - 2 times/wk	Moderate Use One or two marijuana cigarettes 3 -5 times/wk	Heavy Use Two or more marijuana cigarettes daily	Persistence of symptoms/impairment past this period is sufficient for psychiatric diagnosis.
Marijuana (cannabis sativa)	None	Mental confusion, agitation, feelings of panic	Acute toxic psychosis, paranoia, disorientation, severe agitation, depersonalization	Moderate - 24 - 72 hours Heavy - 30 to 60 days For heavy marijuana users, persistent anxiety, panic attacks, and mood/thought alteration may last up to 90 days.